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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Information Management Systems

FROM:

Acting Director, Office of Information Technology

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SUBJECT: ALLSTAR Upgrade Project

Over the last several years IMS and OIT personnel have participated in frequent working sessions to establish an open communication path for the purpose of understanding the DO requirements and the applicability of SAFE for meeting these requirements. During this time we have both attempted to draft memorandums of agreement without much success due primarily to a lack of clear direction. To clarify this direction IMS has requested that OIT prepare a technical proposal for their evaluation.

The proposal, a complex technical assessment of SAFE, will address the full ALLSTAR Upgrade requirements document. This proposal will be used by IMS to perform a tradeoff analysis between an upgraded SAFE system and an IMS developed MVS based architecture.

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We are pleased to provide the SAFE proposal and can provide it by July, 1986. I recommend that CSPO provide one full-time officer, to work with your people to understand the utility and costs of using SAFE in your environment. Doing these trade-offs is never simple; one must always ensure that like elements are being compared. One of the first activities of the trade-off group should be the development of an objective set of criteria for the comparison. This would be of immense value in ensuring that CSPO's proposal adequately addresses IMS concerns.

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We are pleased to provide you this information and look forward to working with IMS personnel in supporting your evaluation of SAFE technology for the DO.

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